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the bell signals to the pilot house, and shall also be provided with a speaking tube or other device for the purpose of conversation between the pilot house and engine room. In all cases where a telegraph is used the signal shall be capable of being repeated back to the pilot house.

§121.69 Proceeding to another port for repairs.

The Marine Safety Unit may issue a permit to proceed to another port for repairs, if in its judgment this can be done with safety. Such a permit shall state the conditions upon which it is granted.

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§121.70 Marking of draft on vessel.

All vessels 20 gross tons and over, under supervision of the Marine Safety Unit, shall have the draft of the vessel plainly and legibly marked upon the stem and upon the stern post or rudder post or at such other place at the stern of the vessel as may be necessary for easy observance. The draft shall be taken from the bottom of the lowest part of the keel to the surface of the water, the bottom of the mark to indicate the draft in feet. Sufficient marks shall be used to cover all working and loading conditions of the vessel. If any part of the hull or permanent equipment extends below the lowest part of the keel, the master or other responsible person shall produce evidence from which the vessel's maximum immersion may be determined.

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§121.71 Emergency lighting system.

Provision shall be made on passenger vessels, tug boats and dredges for an electric system of lighting, sufficient for all requirements of safety, throughout the vessel. There shall be a self-contained electric source capable of supplying power when necessary. Emergency lights shall be tested at least once each week. The date of the tests required by this section shall be noted in the vessel's logbook.

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§121.72 Repairs to firefighting and lifesaving apparatus.

No extensive repairs or alterations, except in an emergency, shall be made to lifesaving or firefighting equipment without prior notice to the Marine Safety Unit.

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§121.73 Extra steering apparatus.

Extra steering apparatus consisting of relieving tackle, or of auxiliary power, or hand steering gear attached to the rudder stock independent of the regular steering gear shall be provided on vessels under jurisdiction of the Board.

§121.74 Repairs on boilers and unfired pressure vessels.

- (a) Before undertaking repairs to a boiler or unfired pressure vessel, the engineer in charge of such vessel shall report the condition necessitating repairs and the nature of the proposed repairs to the Marine Safety Unit in writing.
- (b) When damage occurs to boilers or pressure vessels through an accident that tends to render the further use of such boilers or pressure vessels unsafe until repairs are made, the engineer in charge thereof shall promptly report the facts of the accident and the proposed repairs to the Marine Safety Unit in writing.
- (c) In cases requiring a written report under this section, repairs shall not commence until the Marine Safety Unit's Inspector has approved the proposed plan of repairs.

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§ 121.75 Increase in passenger allowance.

Increase in the passenger allowance of any vessel, whether specified in regular certificate or by special certificate for excursion, shall be permitted only after a careful inspection which shows that the vessel is properly equipped, and that the increase is safe and proper

§121.76 Inclining test.

When the Marine Safety Unit has any reason to question the stability of any